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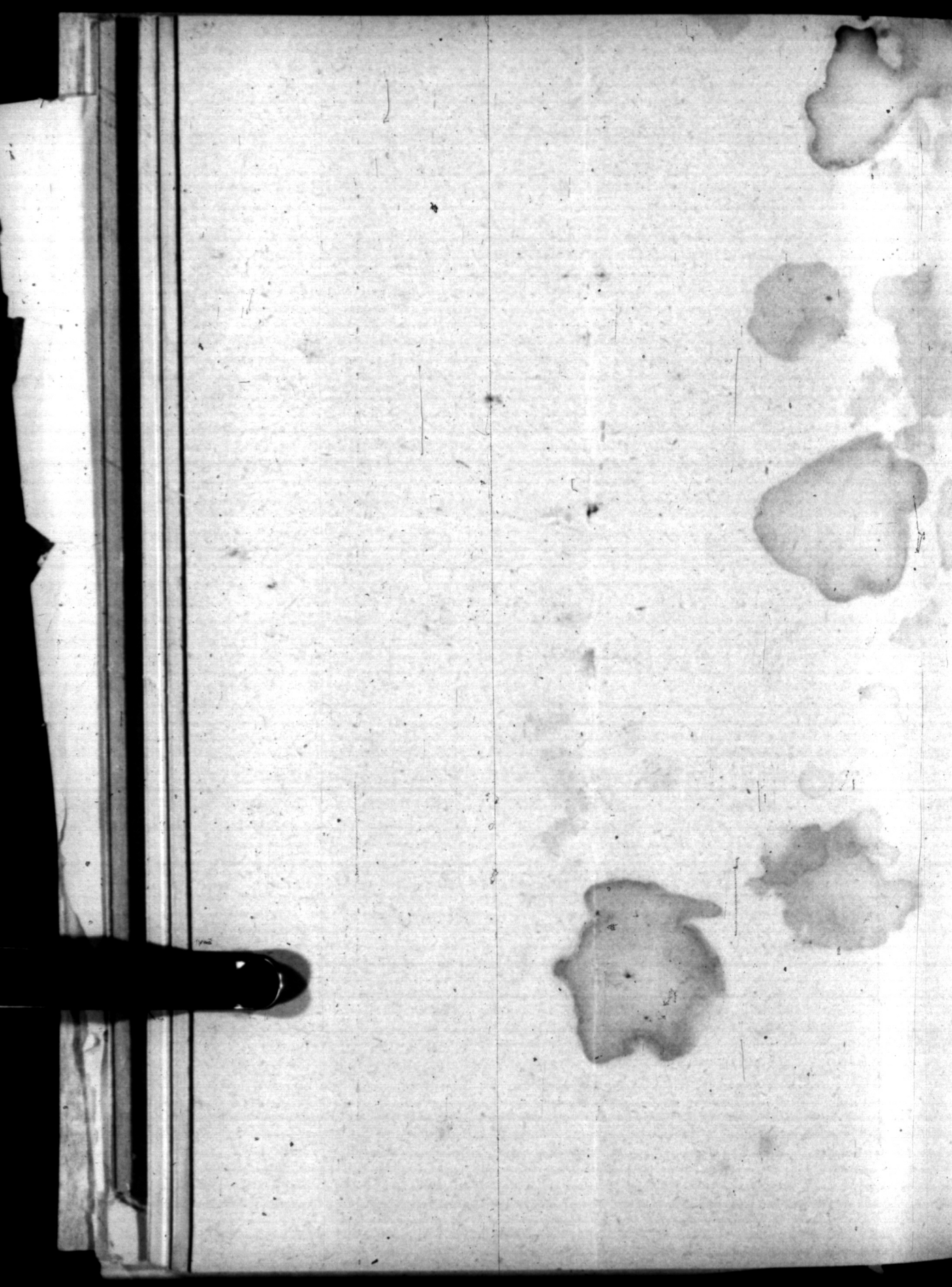
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Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association

Sixth

1918



MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

BASSFIELD, MISS.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1918

HEDERMAN BROS., JACKSON, MISS.

PROCEEDINGS

Victory Baptist Church, of Bassfield, Mississippi.

September 21, 1918.

The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association having failed to meet pursuant to adjournment, met on the 21st day of September with Victory Baptist Church in its sixth annual session, with officers present, viz: A. H. Dale, Moderator, J. W. Burrow, Clerk.

The congregation sang songs of praise. W. A. Chisholm conducted the devotional exercises, reading for the morning lesson some verses from 5th chapter, 1-11 Luke. Brother J. R. Carter led in the opening prayer.

The Moderator called the association to order and appointed as a Committee on Finance, N. S. Buckly, J. H. Johnston and S. T. Hood.

On motion Brethren C. V. Sutton and J. F. Bass were appointed to read the associational letters.

The letters from the churches were called for and read.

The Clerk enrolled the names of the messengers as follows, viz:

Antioch—W. J. Barnes, R. H. Sinclair, W. D. Turnage, J. H. Bullock.

Bethany—J. W. Burrow, Rev. Mikell, Jesse Chance, J. O. Buckly.

Bassfield—W. J. Carter, Luther Burkett, B. O. Thompson, W. S. Bass, Otho Sullivan, C. M. Morris, Sylvester Clark.

Carson—W. H. Izard, S. J. Garner.

Ebenezer—S. T. Hood, F. A. Hathorn, W. I. Sinclair, W. L. Garner.

Hepzibah—H. H. David, Ernest Daniel, Jesse Hedgepeth.

Hebrew—A. H. Dale, W. C. Hutchins, R. C. Bethea, W. T. Hutchins, S. B. Bishop, J. H. Johnston.

Oakgrove—D. H. Burrow, J. A. Bozeman.

Phalti—

Prentiss—J. E. Johnston, J. C. Duckworth.

Society Hill—N. S. Buckley, J. W. Stamps, J. F. Bass, J. M. Fortenbery, Fleet Parkman.

Victory—J. E. Coulter, W. F. Marangan, J. P. Warren.

White Sand—C. V. Sutton, L. A. Miller, W. W. Dale, R. B. Dale, D. W. Weathersey.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

On motion, the rules of the Association were suspended and the following officers were re-elected by acclamation: A. H. Dale, Moderator; J. W. Burrow, Clerk. And on motion, C. V. Sutton was duly elected Treasurer.

By request of the Moderator, Brother R. B. Gunter led in a special prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the session.

Received correspondence as follows, viz: T. J. Moore, representing State Convention; R. B. Gunter, Christian Education; W. A. Chisholm, State Convention Department Sunday Schools; J. R. Carter, Baptist Orphanage, and A. J. Wilds representing the B. Y. P. U.

Messengers present from other Associations: J. P. Williams, Strong River; T. D. Cox, Pearl River; C. M. Morris, Lebanon Association.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association who is in good standing with his church, is hereby authorized to represent this Association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Nominations: S. B. Bishop, Milton Polk and Luther Burkett.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Committee on Apportionment: J. H. Bullock, J. W. Burrow, W. J. Carter, W. H. Izard, W. I. Sinclair, W. C. Hutchins, H. Jesse Hedgepeth, D. H. Burrow, J. E. Johnston, I. M. Boothe, J. F. Bass, J. E. Coulter and L. A. Miller.

In the absence of report on Foreign Missions, Brother R. B. Gunter was appointed to write this report.

On motion, the preaching of the associational sermon was dispensed with for this session.

Brother T. J. Moore was appointed to write the report on Temperance.

Brother J. P. Williams was appointed to write the report on Home Missions.

On motion, this afternoon at 1 o'clock was made the special hour for the discussion of missions.

Brother R. B. Dale read the report on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by J. P. Williams and R. B. Gunter. On motion it was adopted, as follows:

To the Jefferson Davis County Association:

The Woman's Missionary Union and the Y. W. A. make this their annual report of their work done during this associational year:

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| Foreign Missions | \$107.40 |
| Home Missions | 75.95 |
| State Missions | 91.95 |
| Sustentation | 5.00 |
| Christian Education | 24.50 |
| Orphanage | 29.50 |
| Hospital | 20.80 |
| Building and Loan | 3.50 |
| Training School | 10.60 |
| Freewill Offering | 50.60 |
| Red Cross | 8.30 |
| Y. M. C. A. | 7.50 |
| Pastors' Salary | 279.20 |
| Expenses Delegate to State Baptist Convention | 2.50 |
| To the Poor | 46.06 |
| Home Uses | 426.28 |

Total \$1180.64

Y. W. A. Work—

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| Home and Foreign Missions | \$ 5.00 |
| State Missions | 10.00 |
| Baptist Hospital | 1.50 |
| Y. M. C. A. | 3.00 |
| Home Uses | 6.10 |
| Literature Fund | 1.50 |
| Building and Loan Fund | 2.00 |

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| Pastors' Salary..... | 12.25 |
| Freewill Offering | 1.00 |
| Total | 42.35 |
| Grand Total | \$1222.99 |

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. R. B. DALE.

Brother T. J. Moore read the report on Publications, which was discussed by Brethren J. P. Williams and W. A. Chisholm. On motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Our Periodicals.

There should be two objects in all of our reading, namely, to develop the individual and to advance a good cause. This is true both in civil and in religious life.

Our government would be powerless both in its passage and execution of laws but for the newspapers. The declaration of war, the draft law and its execution, and the registration bill with all other measures for the prosecution of the war would have been as a child born dead but for the printing press. There would have been no patriotic spirit to become the life of those laws.

Just so with the Lord's work committed to our hands. All of our great and well-planned programs must fall flat and lifeless but for the labors of the religious press. It is an indispensable factor in the ongoing of the Kingdom of our Lord. Unity and co-operation are essential in the execution of Christ's commission, and that unity and co-operation cannot be had and maintained without the use of our periodicals.

The Baptist Record and Our Home and Foreign Fields must be taken and read by all of our people if we expect to utilize all our forces for Kingdom advancement.

Therefore we recommend and urge that these papers be put into every Baptist family in this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. MOORE.

After announcements, on motion, recessed until 1 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Brother T. D. Cox.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service, Rev. C. M. Morris led in prayer.

The Association was announced in order for the transaction of business.

Brother A. J. Wilds gave a very interesting talk on the organization and the work of the B. Y. P. U.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to work up the interest of the B. Y. P. U. and to report for the next associational year.

Brother R. B. Gunter read the report on Foreign Missions. Brother J. P. Williams read the report on Home Missions. Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on State Missions. These reports were discussed jointly by Brethren R. B. Gunter, J. P. Williams, J. O. Buckley and T. J. Moore. On motion, each of these reports was adopted, as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions.

L. What has been done:

1. Financially. The amount asked for by the Foreign Mission Board last year was raised, and all of the indebtedness was paid. Mississippi raised \$40,000. This was far in advance of previous years.

2. Educationally. The educational plan on the foreign fields far surpasses our educational work at home. Half of the money given to foreign missions is used for the building of schools and for the support of teachers in those schools. The Foreign Mission Board has in the mission schools over 13,000 students, one for every four church members. Dr. A. H. Strong says that two things are essential on the foreign mission fields, namely, mission schools for both sexes, and teachers—teachers who know God's Word and are sound in the Christian doctrines.

3. Evangelically. Never has the door been so wide open for evangelism. Where the people on the foreign fields years ago were coming by the hundreds, now they are coming by the thousands. The principle of democracy, for which Baptists have always stood, is appealing to the consciences of the heathen as never before.

II. What is to be done.

1. Financially. The program of the Southern Baptist Convention for the next year calls for an increase of fifty per cent over last year's gifts. That means that Mississippi will have to increase, and Jeff Davis Association will have to increase, and each individual should increase; \$1,675,891 is needed to meet the demands.

2. Educationally. China is calling for \$50,000 for a new school building—this in addition to what is already being done. Dr. Love says that out of the \$1,500,000 asked for they must provide for education in nine countries, evangelization, medical and hospital privileges, publication work, church buildings for mission churches, and residences for missionaries. Dr. Love says that new lands and buildings are needed for schools to the cost of \$248,700. He says that much work which has already been done will be subject to severe limitations unless we supply these needs; without them money which has been spent will be lost.

The Board desires to send out forty new missionaries next year. This number will not begin to supply the needs. The doors are open; from north and south and east and west they are calling; from tribulation and distress they are calling; from every land beneath the sun they are calling.

III. Why it should be done.

1. For the sake of our churches. The non-missionary churches die.

2. For the sake of our missionaries. "How shall they preach except they be sent?" Their success is dependent upon us.

3. For the sake of the dying millions. There is no other hope for them.

4. For the sake of Christ, who said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

We, your committee, therefore recommend:

1. That we determine to increase our offerings fifty per cent by the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. That we make known the needs of the heathen and the scriptural teachings on this subject of missions.

R. B. GUNTER.

Home Missions.

This work is carried out by the Southern Baptist Convention through the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga. B. D. Gray, General Secretary. Its purpose is to supply destitute places in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention with the privileges of the Gospel; to aid in housing weak churches, and to educate and enlist Southern Baptists in the Kingdom task assigned to them by our Saviour. This work co-operates with and supplements State Mission work.

The last report of the Home Board to the Hot Springs Convention in May, 1918, showed 1,498 workers, 5,106 stations supplied, 36 schools and colleges maintained, with 5,190 pupils in them, called out 1,095 volunteers for service, baptized 30,982 converts, organized 634 Sunday schools, and contributed to the work for the current year \$589,987.

The task of supplying camp pastors to the boys in the country's service was most heartily entered into by this Board and met with a cordial response but the prohibition of camp pastor activities by the government has left us in uncertainty as to this work just now. There is great need for prayer and consecrated giving in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. WILLIAMS.

State Missions.

We understand the word mission to mean "To commission or send with authority." Therefore missions is the giving to the people of earth the message of saving grace as seen and felt in the earthly life of Jesus Christ. His last message to the disciples was, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

State Missions, then, is but the carrying out of that part of our Lord's command which is adapted to the needs, conditions and life of the State.

Our chief agencies in carrying this message to the needs, denominational schools and a State Board.

conditions and life of the State are three, viz: The State paper.

What are we doing? This year we have in the field twelve general missionaries, assisting our two hundred churches to pay their pastors, co-operating with the Home Board and General Association in work among the Indians, assisting the negroes in their theological work at Jackson, and helping to build thirty houses of worship, and have pastors in the cantonment camps who are doing work among our soldier boys.

The magnitude of our work may be seen when we think of the million or more people within our own State who make no claims to Christianity.

State Missions is of vital importance not only to our own growth and development, but it is vital in all other missionary endeavor.

Your committee would urge, therefore, the co-operation of every member of this Association with these agencies in their effort to bring the message of our Lord, to the better development of the thousands who are Baptists, and to assist in making the message of light and life to shine upon those who know not our Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. BUCKLEY.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Brother C. V. Sutton, and was spoken to by J. R. Carter, and on motion was adopted, as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

The work of caring for the helpless is genuinely humanitarian and thoroughly scriptural.

Our Savior approves this in the case of the man who fell among thieves and said to his enquirer, "Go thou and do likewise." He enjoins upon his people over and over again to care for the poor and needy and accompanies the injunction with many encouraging promises.

Our State is doing a great work in caring for the helpless and wornout soldiers at Beauvoir, and for the mentally incapable, for the blind, and the deaf and dumb.

Our people, as a matter of philanthropy, are doing a great work in maintaining a home for the old and helpless women and also for the old and dependent men, their purpose being to make their last days comfortable until God shall call them hence.

This work is glorious, and I am sure is well pleasing to Him who spent so much time in relieving suffering humanity, but our orphanage work in comparison with this stands out supreme. It not only undertakes to relieve suffering, but it takes the orphan child in its helpless condition and gives it food and clothing, care and training and supplies as far as possible what it has lost in its home and parents.

It furnishes opportunity for proper physical and moral development and mental and industrial training that will fit them to be bread winners and good citizens and for useful lives.

We have now in the home 150 children that must be clothed, fed and trained.

We learn from our Superintendent that they have, this year, passed through sieges of measles, mumps and whooping cough and have had fourteen operations for appendicitis, but that our children came through it all safely and are now sound and well. We do not want to forget our orphan children during the war times. It is costing much more to feed and clothe them now than in normal times.

We recommend that a cash collection be taken at this Association to tide them over the dry months and that our Sunday Schools take monthly collections for the Orphanage, and that during the month of November all our churches make contributions of food supplies of all kinds, boxes of clothing, soap, pins, needles, towels, sheets, pillow cases, shoes, hose and other things that need to be sent to the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Brother Carter says don't forget the molasses, cured meat, flour, sugar, lard and canned goods of all kinds.

Respectfully submitted,

S. V. SUTTON.

On motion, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock was made the special hour for the reports on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

On motion, 10 o'clock was made the special hour for the report on Sunday Schools.

After announcements; on motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Williams.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After singing some songs of praise, Brethren J. H. Johnston and C. V. Sutton led in prayer.

The Association was announced in order for the transaction of business.

Yesterday's journal was read, corrected and approved.

Brother, J. O. Buckley read the report on the Hospital, which was spoken to by W. A. Chisholm and T. J. Moore, and, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

Report on Baptist Hospital.

We, as a Baptist people, for a long time failed to attend to a very important part of our Saviour's teaching, that of ministering to the sick. Our Master says, "Heal the sick. This we have begun to do in an organized way only in recent years.

The Baptists of Mississippi are interested directly in two hospitals—our own at Jackson and the one at Memphis, Tenn., owned jointly by Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas Baptists. Its name is The Baptist Memorial Hospital.

We, as Baptists, should support these institutions:

First, Because they are ours. Second, They are under good Christian influence—Baptist influence. Third, They are the only institutions established for the sole purpose of taking care of the sick.

The Hospital at Jackson has been established for eight years, and the one at Memphis for a longer time. Since their establishment they have treated thousands of patients, both pay and charity patients, and the deaths in them have been relatively few.

Our doors are open to all denominations, and we never turn a patient away when it is possible to take him.

Our Hospitals are in need of money and we recommend that our churches take more interest in this work than ever before. Let them send their patients there if there be room;

and give and get what they need of us and what they have for us and ours.

We can help by giving sheets, towels, etc., besides giving money. Then let us do all we can for these institutions in order that they may help the needy, for our Saviour says, "For as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HOOD.

On motion, the special hour for the report on Sunday Schools was postponed until 10:30 a. m.

Brother J. O. Sutton read the report on Sustentation, which was spoken to by Brethren T. J. Moore and J. O. Buckley. On motion was adopted as follows:

Sustentation.

The word sustentation carries with it the idea of ministerial relief. The aged and disabled ministers and their families should kindle and keep ablaze in our hearts a genuine spirit of Christian patriotism.

The fact that many of them have given their very best efforts to the Lord during the days of their young manhood, and that, too, upon a compensation that failed to furnish them with the necessities of life, should appeal to our manhood to see to it that they do not suffer for any of the comforts of life during their old age. We have now 18 or 20 who come under the head of ministerial relief.

We need to lay this before our churches yearly and ask for a liberal contribution. We would like to report an advancement for this cause yearly. We have now 48 Associations in the State that are doing mission work and we need \$5,000 or more for the cause of sustentation. Something over \$100 for each Association.

Your committee believes that if the churches and Associations knew more about the superannuated preachers, who they are and where they live, and what they receive from the Board, it would stimulate the churches to do more than they have ever done. Therefore if the Association in which the aged brothers labored can supply all their needs without the help of the convention, it ought to do it, and do it cheerfully.

The youth of that Association can then see who did it, for whom they did it and how they ought to do it themselves.

Again, if the church or churches for whom the aged minister labored can supply all his needs they ought to do it and do it cheerfully, for the same reasons that his association ought to do it rather than the convention. The object lesson will be all the clearer and dearer to the youth of the church so doing. Besides it might show honesty and teach us a lesson of generosity, for the possibility is that that church honestly owes that preacher for labor actually performed. Yet, again, if an aged preacher has children or nephews who can support him they ought to do it and not let the churches have the sacred care.

In addition to teaching lessons of generosity and honesty they would honor father or mother and thereby give to the world a three-fold lesson and get a threefold blessing. Therefore, if the children fail to help, if his church fail, if his convention of churches fails to help the old dependent preacher, I ought to do it alone. When all the churches failed, Epaphroditus, at the risk of his life, supplied all the aged Paul's needs, and in so doing covered himself with immortal glory. Jesus, our divine Lord, has said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." Then help somebody today.

Respectfully,

J. O. SUTTON.

Brother J. M. Fortenberry read the report on Sunday Schools. Pending the discussion of the report, the congregation sang "Stand Up for Jesus." The report was discussed by W. A. Chisolm. On motion, it was adopted, as follows:

Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday Schools make the following report:

There is no longer any question as to the help the Sunday School is to the church. Our best church workers were raised up to attend Sunday school. An impression for good made on the child mind often lasts through life, and older people who take interest in Sunday school work read the Bible more than those who do not.

While there is much good being done in the Sunday school work, we believe it could be made better. We notice in the record that the enrollment of the Sunday schools of the Southern Baptists is about one million eight and a half thousand less than the enrollment of the churches, and in this, our own association, last year's Sunday school enrollment was nine hundred and four, while our churches' enrollment is twenty-one hundred and one. The fields are white and the laborers few.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. FORTENBERRY.

Brother L. C. Burkett read the report on Christian Education; J. M. Fortenberry read the report on Ministerial Education. These reports were discussed by R. B. Gunter. Pending the adoption of these reports, a cash collection of \$110.78 was made for the Orphanage. On motion these reports were adopted, as follows:

Christian Education.

To my mind these are two of the most beautiful words in the English language. The average person, though, does not look upon an education as being anything more than training the mind for the things of this world.

Christian means to be like Christ; Educate means to lead out, to instruct, to inform. Hence we are to be led out, instructed, or informed, to be like Christ. A person was once asked what education was. The answer was like this: "To train the mind and heart to be like Jesus. There is an idea abroad in our land like this: that if the child is trained in a sound moral education, that is sufficient. Very well so far as it goes. But, people of this association, hear me. When you add Christian education to the good moral education you have something that comes in touch with all classes of people. There is something about that kind of education that God honors. The person who is educated in this way need never be uneasy about failure. Why? Because God is always for him.

The trouble with most of our young people who go to college for an education is that they have only the successes and benefits of this life in view. To my mind that is the small side of life. What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world

and lose his soul? "Go ye into all the world and teach the Gospel to every creature." Train a child in the way it should go, and when it gets old it will not depart therefrom.

1. We approve the Southern Baptist Convention Five-Year Educational Program.

2. We pledge our co-operation and loyalty to the schools of our State Convention.

3. We urge Baptist parents to send their children to school in larger numbers, that we may furnish the necessary trained leaders in all war work, if the war must go on, and leaders in peace, when the war shall end.

4. We approve the plan of a debt-paying campaign in our Southern States, where debts exist on Baptist school property. This campaign is to be had this fall in connection with the Liberty Loan Drive by a plan that meets the favor of those in charge of the war work.

L. C. BURKETT.

Ministerial Education.

A minister of the Gospel is a man whom God has called to preach and to teach the word of God to mankind.

He will never succeed in the highest and do the most efficient work that God would have him do unless he is fully prepared.

With all due respect to our preachers of years ago, if they could have had a better preparation they could have done more work.

But as time goes on conditions change. The uneducated minister of today can not accomplish the same work the uneducated minister did a half a century or more past. I fear we, as Baptist people have been too negligent along this line. The Lord calls men to preach the gospel who are not endowed with a great deal of this world's goods. Therefore, if they do not receive outside help they will not be able to prepare themselves as fully for the work that God has assigned them. We have ministers with strong minds and great will power who are doing great work, but if they were better educated and trained they would be a greater power in the land. There was never a time in all the world when an educated ministry was needed as much as today, unless it will be when the world is at peace again and

the tide of eastern immigration turns to America. If we are not able to christianize them they will heathenize us. So, brethren, let's wake up to the fact and do our whole duty to God and man along this line. We have Mississippi College at Clinton with a student loan fund for the aid of ministerial students, the self help club, etc., and Clark Memorial College at Newton, and three great Theological Seminaries located at Louisville, Ky., Fort Worth, Texas, and New Orleans, La., for the training of ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BASS.

The report on Nominations was read by L. C. Burkett. On motion, it was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations make this report:

That Rev. J. O. Buckley be our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. C. M. Morris alternate. We recommend that the churches of the association make a contribution to defray the expenses of the messenger to the convention, to be sent to the Treasurer of this Association not later than April 1, 1919.

We recommend also that the following brethren write reports on the following subjects, to be read at the next session of this Association: Foreign Missions, J. O. Buckley; State Missions, E. D. Johnston; Home Missions, C. V. Sutton; Denominational Schools, W. W. Dale; Publications, Robt. Sinclair; Orphanage, Walter Hutchins; Ministerial Education, W. J. Burkett; Church Discipline, John Fortenberry; Sustentation, N. S. Buckley; Woman's Work, W. J. Carter Sunday Schools, J. P. Deer; Hospital, Larkin Thompson; B. Y. P. U., Brother Ixard.

We recommend that C. M. Morris preach the next Associational Sermon; J. O. Buckley, alternate.

Your committee also recommends that the next Association meet with Society Hill on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.

S. B. BISHOP,

M. E. POLK,

L. C. BURKETT.

After announcements, on motion, recessed until 1:30 p. m.
Benediction by Brother T. N. Quick.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service; prayer by W. A. Chisolm.

The Association was announced in order for the transaction of business.

The report on Prohibition was read by Brother T. J. Moore, and was discussed by him. On motion, it was adopted, as follows:

Prohibition.

Your committee is glad to report that during the last year prohibition has made such marvelous strides onward as not only to delight, but to greatly surprise the most hopeful and ardent supporters of the great cause.

First, Congress has submitted to the States for ratification a prohibition amendment to our Federal Constitution, and already about one-third of the number of States necessary to adoption have ratified the amendment. Our own State enjoys the honor of being the first State to ratify the amendment.

Second. Recently a national law was enacted by Congress making our nation "bone dry" after July 1st of next year.

Let us thank God, take courage and stand four square for the strict execution of all of our prohibition laws.

Committee.

T. J. MOORE.

Brother J. E. Johnston read the report on Apportionment, which, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

We your Committee on Apportionment, beg leave to make the following report:

We urge that each church, if possible, raise the amount opposite their names for missions during the next associational year, viz:

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| Antioch | \$100.00 |
| Bethany | 150.00 |
| Bassfield | 200.00 |
| Carson | 50.00 |
| Ebenezer | 100.00 |
| Hebron | 350.00 |

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| Hepzibah | 150.00 |
| Oak Grove | 75.00 |
| Prentiss | 400.00 |
| Phalti | |
| Society Hill | 125.00 |
| Victory | 40.00 |
| White Sand | 400.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed on Apportionment:

Antioch, J. H. Bullock; Bethany, J. W. Burrow; Bassfield, W. J. Carter; Carson, W. H. Izard; Ebenezer, W. I. Sinclair; Hebron, W. C. Hutehins; Hepzibah, H. H. Quick; Oak Grove, D. H. Burrow; Prentiss, J. E. Johnston; Phalti, J. M. Boothe; Society Hill, J. F. Bass; Victory, J. E. Coulter; White Sand, L. A. Miller.

Brother J. H. Johnston read the report on Finance, which, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to make the following report:

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| Received from Churches | \$ 53.95 |
| For Minutes | 51.20 |
| For State Missions | |
| Cash collected— | |
| For Orphanage | 110.78 |

\$215.93

J. H. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Brother C. V. Sutton read the report of the Treasurer, which, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Treasurer.

To the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association:

As your Treasurer I beg leave to make the following report:

Received from Finance Committee—

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| For State Missions | \$ 53.95 |
| For Minutes | 51.20 |
| For Orphanage | 110.78 |
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| | \$215.93 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. SUTTON, Treasurer.

On Motion the following memorial was adopted, and the clerk of this Association is authorized to send a copy of the said memorial to each of the officers as named therein:

Memorial as to Camp Pastor Service.

To Mr. F. P. Keppel, Third Assistant Secretary of War; to His Excellency Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America; to Hon. B. P. Harrison, Congressman from this the Ninth District of Mississippi; to Hon. J. S. Williams and Hon. J. K. Vardaman, our State Senators:

We, the delegates of the thirteen Baptist Churches forming the Jeff Davis County Baptist Association, representing as we do not less than four thousand citizens of Mississippi, ask your indulgence as we make to you our humble protest against a recent order eliminating from our Army Training Camps heretofore recognized Camp Pastor Service.

First, we declare hearty loyalty and enthusiastic co-operation in the nation's effort to win the war, both of ourselves and of the entire constituency represented by us in this body. We will remain loyal even though our protest be unheeded in this a very important matter to us, and one which strikes deep into our religious conviction.

We petition and pray that you take such steps as will result in the modification or revocation of the order, so that our camp pastor service may be continued in our Training Camps.

By motion, this protest and petition was adopted, and the clerk of the body instructed to send a copy to each of the officials to whom it is addressed.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Association is authorized

to pay over to our State Secretary all funds that may be in his possession.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Association be, and he is hereby authorized to pay over all funds in his possession to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist Convention.

On, motion, the clerk was authorized and instructed to have as many copies of our minutes printed as is necessary to supply the number requested by the several churches; and that he be paid the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this Association be, and the same are, hereby tendered to the members of this church and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion, the minutes of the Association were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Society Hill Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. O. Buckley.

A. H. DALE, Moderator.

J. W. BURROW, Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT

| | Value Church Property | Pastor's Salary | S. S. Expense | Minutes | Visiting Ministers | Poor | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Orphanage | Hospitals | Incidentals | Colleges and Schools | Other Objects | Other Salaries and Remuneration | Christian Education | Church Buildings, Repairs, etc. | Y. M. C. A. | Total |
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| field | 2250 00 | 300 00 | 20 40 | 5 00 | | | 65 00 | 42 35 | 59 00 | | 8 50 | 10 00 | 10 00 | | | | 50 00 | 87 60 | 164 83 | | 3180 92 |
| ny | 1000 00 | 250 00 | | 5 00 | | | 75 50 | 41 40 | 41 40 | | 5 00 | | | | | | | 17 50 | 16 15 | | 1451 95 |
| n | 1050 00 | 150 00 | 17 15 | 2 00 | 45 04 | 30 00 | 17 15 | 1 00 | 1 00 | | | | | 3 25 | 3 00 | 3 00 | | | | | 1322 59 |
| zer | 1300 00 | 150 00 | 9 09 | 5 00 | 31 50 | | 17 70 | 21 60 | 27 60 | | 22 20 | 23 00 | | | | | | | | | 1607 69 |
| n | 1200 00 | 300 00 | 7 80 | 7 00 | | | 200 00 | 98 80 | 99 00 | | 20 20 | 39 60 | 21 60 | 17 50 | | | 35 00 | 61 20 | 35 00 | 53 25 | 2195 95 |
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| iss | 5000 00 | 600 00 | | 7 50 | | | 98 50 | 100 00 | 150 00 | | | | | 36 87 | | | | | 185 00 | | 8012 37 |
| ly Hill | 1100 00 | 250 00 | | 2 25 | | 7 50 | 31 45 | 45 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | 2 00 | | | | | | | | 17 50 | | 1535 70 |
| ry | 800 00 | 50 00 | 6 55 | 3 00 | | 76 86 | 9 20 | | | | | | | 15 10 | | | | | 17 50 | | 1535 70 |
| psand | 800 00 | 250 00 | 28 78 | | | | 170 10 | 54 00 | 69 00 | | 12 50 | 38 90 | 18 00 | | | | | 51 00 | | | 1486 38 |
| als | 18245 00 | 3050 00 | 127 03 | 47 35 | 152 54 | 130 10 | 750 85 | 495 85 | 550 75 | 10 00 | 99 40 | 195 85 | 58 45 | 89 22 | 3 00 | 99 15 | 398 30 | 239 55 | 2083 48 | 53 25 | 26869 |

CHURCH STATISTICS

| CHURCH | PASTOR | POSTOFFICE | CLERK | POSTOFFICE | | | INCREASE | | | DECREASE | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|------------|
| | | | | Baptism | Letter | Restored | Total | Letter | Expelled | Death | Total | Membership |
| Antioch | J. E. Barnett | Prentiss | W. P. Bulloch | Prentiss | 6 | 18 | 18 | 122 | 18 | 9 | 166 | |
| Bassfield | C. M. Morris | Sumrall | R. E. Thompson | Bassfield | 13 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 165 | |
| Bethany | C. O. Buckley | Prentiss | Rex Mickle | Prentiss | 9 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 59 | |
| Carson | R. W. Bryant | Hattiesburg | A. E. Nelson | Carson | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | |
| Elbenzer | T. D. Cox | Columbia, R. 1 | L. B. Thompson | Bassfield | 1 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 202 | |
| Hebron | J. P. Williams | Mendenhall | E. H. Walker | New Hebron | 1 | 13 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 260 | |
| Hepsibah | J. C. Buckley | Prentiss | J. L. Spight | Oakvale | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 206 | |
| Oak Grove | C. M. Black | Shires | H. T. Griffith | Whitesand | 9 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 85 | |
| Phalti | J. E. Barnett | Prentiss | H. D. Booth | Mt. Olive | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 106 | |
| Prentiss | J. E. Bennett | Prentiss | N. W. Lee | Prentiss | 6 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 164 | |
| Society Hill | J. C. Bushly | Prentiss | H. C. Williamson | Oakvale | 5 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 14 | |
| Victory | J. L. Watts | Improve | J. P. Warren | Bassfield | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 92 | |
| Whitesand | J. C. Buckley | Prentiss | D. W. Weathersby | Prentiss | 24 | 12 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 231 | |
| | | | | | 87 | 52 | 5,134 | 92 | 5 | 17 | 87,202 | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

| CHURCHES | SUPERINTENDENT | POSTOFFICE | SECRETARY | Total Enrollment | Total Contribution |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch | E. R. Broom | Prentiss | Miss Anna Bullock | 48 | \$ 17.26 |
| Bassfield | J. P. Dear | Bassfield | Miss Nicie Gaskin | 96 | 40.40 |
| Bethany | Otis Jones | Prentiss | Rex Mickie | 83 | 23.18 |
| Carson | H. C. Murry | Carson | Miss C. B. Worthy | 55 | 22.15 |
| Ebenezer | S. T. Hood | Columbia R 1 | Miss Dellie Evans | 71 | 38.55 |
| Hebron | W. C. Hutchins | New Hebron | Miss M. Hutchins | 108 | |
| Hepsibah | B. S. Watts | Arm | E. T. Daniel | 107 | 6.20 |
| Oak Grove | A. M. Cole | Silver Creek | Miss M. Sutton | 42 | 7.70 |
| Phalti | H. D. Booth | Mount Olive | | 54 | |
| Prentiss | J. E. Johnson | Prentiss | Miss Bessie Polk | 106 | 250.00 |
| Society Hill | J. F. Bass | Oakvale | Miss O. Fortenberry | 48 | 7.00 |
| Victory | W. F. Morgan | Bassfield | Miss Mary Coulter | 36 | 6.55 |
| Whitesand | F. J. Lee | New Hebron | J. L. Nelson | 107 | 29.78 |
| | | | Total | 961 | \$448.77 |

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK

| CHURCH | PRESIDENT | POSTOFFICE | SECRETARY | Total Members | Home Uses | Missions | Benevolences | Visiting Ministers | Pastor's Salary | Orphans | Christian Educ. | Total Contributions | Y. M. C. A. State Offering | Total Membership |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Antioch | Miss O. T. Hathorn | Bassfield | Mrs. S. Clark | 23 | 164 83 | 22 00 | 15 74 | | | | | 202 57 | | |
| Bassfield | Mrs. H. Burrow | Prentiss | Miss A. Buchel | 35 | 1 60 | 27 26 | 38 50 | | | | | 67 16 | | |
| Bethany | | | | | | 17 25 | | | | | | 17 25 | | |
| Carson | Mrs. Rosa McNeese | Bassfield | | 27 | 2 00 | 8 80 | | 9 30 | 38 35 | 23 00 | 4 00 | 65 45 | | |
| Ebenezer | Mrs. Judie Watts | Arm | Mrs. C. Painill | 16 | 11 10 | 10 75 | | 4 70 | | | | 26 45 | | |
| Hepsibah | Mrs. R. C. Behea | New Hebron | Mrs. W. C. Hutchins | | 77 20 | 59 05 | 33 30 | | | | 5 00 | 174 55 | 23 25 | |
| Hebron | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phalti | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prentiss | Mrs. D. Williamson | Oakvale | Mrs. F. H. Hayne | 25 | 7 16 | 15 20 | 54 45 | | | | | 76 61 | 19 10 | 7 |
| Society Hill | Miss R. B. Dale | Prentiss | Mrs. L. Smith | 49 | 7 70 | 77 25 | 8 30 | 15 70 | 47 40 | 1 50 | 50 | 158 35 | | |
| Victory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitesand | | | | 175 | 271 59 | 237 36 | 150 29 | 29 75 | 85 75 | 24 50 | 9 50 | 788 39 | 42 35 | 7 |



